

RESPONSIVENESS SUMMARY

Introduction

The purpose of this Responsiveness Summary is to summarize and respond to public comments on the Engineering Evaluation/Cost Analysis (EE/CA) for the U Plant Ancillary Facilities. This EE/CA was provided for public comment on August 25, 2004. 623 2 5

The Tri-Parties announced the issuance of the EE/CA in the Tri-City Herald. A 30-day public comment period was held during which time the public had the opportunity to read, review, and submit comments on the U Plant Ancillary Facilities EE/CA. There were no requests for a public meeting; therefore, no public meeting was held. The document evaluates the alternatives for a non-time critical removal action for 17 facilities and structures under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA). These ancillary facilities and structures were used to support the UO3 process and/or U Plant activities.

Public Involvement

A newspaper ad was placed in the Tri-City Herald on August 25, 2004 announcing the availability of this EE/CA and the start of the public comment period. Approximately fifteen hundred copies of a fact sheet describing the EE/CA were mailed or sent out electronically. A public comment period was held from August 25 through September 24, 2004. No requests were received for a public meeting. No public meeting was held.

Comments and Responses

The agencies received four written comments during the public comment period. Comments included: 1) questioning how comparison costs were calculated for the various alternatives, 2) considering the historical value of the facilities, 3) support for the recommended remedy and 4) requesting the agencies consider a new alternative, a combination of alternatives 3 and 4 to address the slabs and soils under and around the slabs. Based on a comment received by the agencies, the Action Memorandum reflects various discounted rates more accurately. Commenters received responses to the comments submitted.

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